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WILSON DEMANDS CONSCRIPTION; BACKS ARMY EXPERTS

Rumors of U. S. Naval Battle Stir Atlantic Coast, But Are Now Disbelieved

CITY ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM

Proclamation Issued and New Charter Bill, Still Unacted On By Governor, Cuts No Figure; City Hall Officials See Possibility of No Change for Two Years

Honolulu's next city election will be on the present system. The charter revision bill passed through the legislature in the past few days and sent to the governor for his signature, but he has no bearing on the election, irrespective of whether the governor approves it or vetoes it, and whether such veto is upheld or overridden by the two houses.

The Star-Bulletin's information yesterday that the election proclamation would be issued under the present law proved correct. Today City Clerk Kaunakani issued a proclamation calling the city primary election for Saturday, May 19.

"I have ten days in which to consider the bill. My time was all taken up with other matters yesterday and I am extremely busy today. A charter which has taken the framers a year and a half to consider I cannot decide and act on in ten minutes," the governor said.

The proclamation today calls for the election of mayor, seven supervisors, sheriff, clerk, auditor, treasurer and attorney. The new charter plan, with its six supervisors elected by districts, and its superintendent of city works does not figure.

Meanwhile several complications are threatening to arise. One is that the present elected officials may hold office for a couple of years more. At least this is the figuring around the city hall.

New angles to the charter situation which may result in the present board continuing in office for another two years or the municipal election being held yet under the new charter were pointed out this morning by Mayor John C. Lane.

According to the mayor, if the charter is either signed by the governor or the governor's veto is overridden by the legislature it will immediately become necessary for the legislature to pass an enabling act declaring that the primary proclamation shall be issued 15 days prior to the date of the election. It is the mayor's opinion that if the new charter passes the primary proclamation issued today immediately becomes null and void. Therefore, if the enabling act does not pass the legislature or is vetoed by the governor and there is not time to override the veto there can be no proclamation.

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LARGE TRACT ON OAHU TAKEN OVER FOR MILITARY

Governor Receives Word That 1510 Acres Near Waimanalo Are Set Aside

Governor Plunkham announced today that he has received notice from Washington that President Wilson has signed executive orders setting aside approximately 1800 acres of Hawaiian lands for military purposes.

Of this by far the greatest is at Waimanalo, where 1510 acres have been turned over to military use by the executive order. This Waimanalo land, according to the land office, belonged to the territory but was leased to the John A. Cunniff estate.

This transfer of land to the military authorities indicates that there will have to be a good military road from Fort Ruger to Waimanalo, commented the governor today in announcing it.

The news was of much interest to the legislators, some of whom began at once discussing the road question. It is supposed that such a road would go through the low gap slightly this side of Makapuu point, though mention was also made that tunneling through the mountains of the Koolau range might be considered as a quicker means of access to the Waimanalo beach.

Two other transfers were announced by the governor. One of these is of territorial land above the Honolulu Plantation mill at Aiea, and contains 274.04 acres. The other is 21.36 acres at Nanikuli, Waianae, said at the land office to belong to Walter P. Dillingham.

Some of these transfers represent the consideration of not less than three years," says the governor.

President Wilson signed the orders on March 28.

Coppers Are Shade Stronger

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	99 1/2	98 1/2
American Smelter	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	123 1/2	123 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	79 1/2	78 1/2
Anacosta Copper	102 1/2	102 1/2
Atchafalaya	53 1/2	53 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	76 1/2	76 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	110 1/2	110 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	20 1/2	20 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	161 1/2	161 1/2
Canadian Pacific	80	80
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	47 1/2	47 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	61 1/2	61 1/2
Crucible Steel	27 1/2	27 1/2
Erie Common	164 1/2	164 1/2
General Electric	103 1/2	103 1/2
General Motors, New	110 1/2	110 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	43 1/2	43 1/2
Kennecott Copper	65 1/2	65 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	94 1/2	94 1/2
New York Central	53 1/2	53 1/2
Pennsylvania	29 1/2	29 1/2
Ray Consol.	95 1/2	95 1/2
Reading Common	94 1/2	94 1/2
Southern Pacific	210 1/2	210 1/2
Studebaker	137 1/2	137 1/2
Texas Oil	111 1/2	111 1/2
Union Pacific	110 1/2	110 1/2
U. S. Steel	92 1/2	92 1/2
Utah	48 1/2	48 1/2
Western Union	232 1/2	232 1/2
Westinghouse	224	224
May Wheat		

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.
Bethlehem Steel—a represents Class A and B Class B stock.

SUGAR.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Sugar: 96 deg. test, 6.457 cents. Previous quotation, 6.417 cents.

MONTANA GIRLS CAPTURE HAWAII

Winning Contestants of Butte Newspaper Arrive and Take Honolulu By Storm

MONTANA—RAH! RAH! This was the cry from a dozen comely, vivacious young women who hurried down the Great Northern gangplank this morning, carrying a bundle of smiles.

The great welcoming crowd that always greets the palatial liner split in two and fell back. What was coming? The gay, girlish army, laughing, blinking, charged by. Spectators' stares of amazement turned to approving glances.

Out into the sunlight of Pier 16 they danced, their eyes drinking in the bright glories of a Hawaiian spring day.

Who were they? What did they want? Surely they could have anything they wished! The welcoming crowd wondered. Such a sprightly party was entitled to only the best.

Again the feminine yell but with the force and spirit and "pep" of the North, went up a little clearer, a little louder, "Montana—Rah! Rah!" That settled it. They were from Montana, surely, and the town was theirs.

Bevy Comes from Butte
Eight of the happy crew are the lucky contestants in a Butte, Montana, newspaper contest. They won a trip; they could go to New York or Alaska or Florida, but they picked Hawaii; that's why they're here. And from exclamations of delight from everyone after only a few minutes in Honolulu there is no doubt they do not regret the selection.

Montana men met the party at the boat; Montana men helped them to register at the Blaisdell Hotel where they expect to stay until the Great Northern goes back Sunday and the women had not been in Honolulu an hour before they had been invited to the Ad Club luncheon today.

The girls are the guests of the Montana American, the most popular weekly magazine in Butte, Montana. Butte is the largest copper camp in the world and one of the most progressive and foremost cities in the Northwest.

Butte's Wife is Guide
Mrs. Byron E. Cooney, wife of the publisher and editor of the American, is in charge of the party for that publication. She is one of the liveliest and most popular members of the party and is already regretting that they will have to go back Sunday. She is a stylish, well-set-up woman whose capable mind is indicated by the business-like, affable manner she handles her wards. She is business manager for the American.

Personnel of Party
The eight young women are as follows: The Misses Lois van Doozer, Nellie Sullivan, Helen Magson, Mildred Irvine, Mabel Zinn, Margaret McBride,

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No Demand For Charter Such As Bill Provides

Hatch Points Out Danger To City

Supervisor F. M. Hatch today gave the Star-Bulletin the following signed statement:
The undersigned ventures to question the assertion, so persistently reiterated by the Advertiser, that there is an overpowering demand for a new charter for this city and county. If so, much unnecessary pains have been taken to head off any reasonable public discussion. The fiasco before the house committee furnished no opportunity. The senate committee spent many laborious hours in seeking grammatical mistakes, but offered no public hearing.

On the merits I submit, that considering the community as a whole, and the necessity for the different sections of it to meet each other from day to day in a spirit of reasonable concession, the bill which has passed the legislature presents about as bad a system for Honolulu as the wit of man could devise. The underlying theory is plainly that the people are not to be trusted. This community does not deserve any such condemnation.

At its best the new charter puts upon one man more duties than can reasonably be executed by such talent as is available at any salary which will be offered. The city of Dayton pays \$13,000 per year for its experiment in one-man rule. At its worst the new system offers a premium, and a large one, to any combination of schemers who think they can swing the Hawaiian vote and get into power for a period of four years. The only saving clause is the humor contained in the provision of a fine for the supervisors in case they "interfere" with the heads of departments. This will give the Advertiser and its proteges, Andrews and Murray, fame for some time to come.

F. M. HATCH.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

ALLIES MAY SOON RECRUIT IN UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The Webb bill, to permit the Allies to recruit soldiers and sailors in the United States, passed the house today.

NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT STANDS BY ALLIES
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Assurances were received here today that the provisional government of Russia will not yield to overtures of German and Austrian socialists who have been moving for a separate peace.

ALIEN ENEMIES MUST LEAVE VICINITY OF PORTS
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Instructions were sent out today by Attorney General Gregory to United States marshals that alien enemies residing within half a mile of any fort military camp, air station, etc., will be required to move prior to June 1, under penalty of arrest.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT CHEERS UNITED STATES ALLIES
LONDON, Eng., April 18.—With cheers and handclapping the house of commons today gave unanimous approval to a resolution by Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, seconded by ex-Premier Asquith, expressing appreciation of the action of the United States in entering the war. A similar scene took place in the house of lords.

GOVERNMENT WITNESS UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—A warrant was today issued for the arrest of F. C. Oxman, the Oregon cattleman who was a witness for the state in the trial that resulted in the conviction of Thomas Mooney on a murder charge in connection with the San Francisco dynamiting. Oxman is charged with subornation of perjury. Estelle Smith, a witness, has made affidavit that Oxman offered her money to swear to connect Weinberg, accused with Mooney, with the crime. Weinberg's trial is coming soon.

PROVIDES UNIFORM HOUR FOR CLOSING
Representative Robert Ahuna at the session of the house this afternoon introduced a concurrent resolution directing the board of liquor license commissioners to fix a uniform hour for the closing of all establishments where liquor is sold under its jurisdiction, applying it to wholesalers, retailers, saloons and hotels.

WIRELESS WITH BIG ISLAND WILL RESUME
Further resumption of wireless communication between the islands will occur tomorrow with the reopening of commercial service with the Big Island. At the office of the United States naval wireless this afternoon it was announced that commercial messages to the island of Hawaii will be accepted beginning Thursday. This is in accordance with expectations expressed earlier in the week but is the first definite announcement of the date.

SHINGLE INTRODUCES WAIKIKI RECLAMATION BILL
Senator R. W. Shingle of Oahu introduced late this afternoon in the legislature a bill embodying the governor's plan for the reclamation of Waikiki lowlands by the appointment of a commission to draw up plans and assume control of the work. This commission is to consist of the superintendent of public works, chairman; the city and county engineer, land commissioner and two others. Of the latter two one shall be a representative of beach land owners. The sum of \$20,000 is proposed as an appropriation for the commission's use.

GIRL TAKES POISON IN COURT
Juvenile court was much disturbed this afternoon when a 15-year-old girl tried to commit suicide following her commitment to the girls' industrial school, by drinking a bottle of iodine. The Portuguese mother, who was in court with her daughter, was nearly prostrated with grief. The girl was rushed to the emergency hospital, where first aid administered by the acting police surgeon brought relief. She is now at the Queen's hospital and it is reported she will recover. The girl had been arrested by Probation Officer Joseph Leal and charged with incorrigibility in connection with a home affair with a soldier.

CHAMBER DELAYS ACTION ON PAY FOR GUARDSMEN

Compensation for employees who are called to the colors was thoroughly discussed by the members of the chamber of commerce this afternoon and it was the general opinion that no action should be taken by the chamber at this time. J. D. Dougherty pointed out that there had been no enlistments to speak of in the National Guard since the call of the governor, and if the chamber should go on record with some definite decision it would probably help matters.

S. M. Lowrey said that the people as a whole should bear the burden of compensation and not the individual firms. G. K. Larrison said he doubted if the burden would be as heavy as expected since in all probability married men would be exempt. E. F. Bishop and A. Lewis, Jr., while admitting the remarks of Dougherty

LYLE FUNERAL SUNDAY

The body of the late James Lyle, accompanied by his widow and his daughter, Mrs. C. V. Sturtevant, arrived in the Great Northern. It is likely the funeral will be from Masonic Temple at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

TRAFFIC FALLS OFF

[By Associated Press]
COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—Passenger traffic on the state railways of Denmark has been reduced one-third, in order to economize coal. With the same object, the government plans to prohibit the export of cement because of the large amount of coal used in its production. Heavy restrictions are also to be placed on the output of the paper mills, and the size of newspapers is to be still further reduced.

put the question in a new light, said the chamber should not decide at this time.

President Is Against Plan of Volunteers

(A. P. by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Standing by the army experts, President Wilson insists upon conscription to raise the new American army.
The president today told senators that he will not consent to a compromise with the anti-conscription forces because the war experts have decided that "selective conscription" is the only way of raising a strong army. He is assured that a majority of Republicans in Congress will support this.
The president's stand was made plain when he went to the capitol to confer with senate leaders on the administration of war measures, particularly the army bill. The senate military committee showed its agreement with the president by rejecting an amendment authorizing the president to call 500,000 volunteers. Only a few changes have been made in the bill as drawn by the army staff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Opponents of the plan of selective conscription in the house military committee today won a victory for the time when the committee, by a vote of 12 to 8, decided to have the army bill carry a provision to try to raise a force of volunteers.
The senate military committee took another attitude. By a vote of 10 to 7 it decided in favor of conscription.

BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	5	1	.833
Boston	5	1	.833
New York	3	2	.600
Cleveland	3	3	.500
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Washington	2	3	.400
Detroit	1	5	.200
Philadelphia	1	5	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	4	1	.800
Cincinnati	5	3	.625
St. Louis	4	3	.571
Boston	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Chicago	3	4	.429
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375
Brooklyn	1	4	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 5.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 4, New York 3.
At Chicago—Chicago 9, St. Louis 2.
At Boston—Rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At New York—New York 7, Washington 5.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Cleveland 2.
At Philadelphia—Boston 2, Philadelphia 0.
At Detroit—Rain.

QUARANTINE FOR KAUAI ANTHRAX

That the outbreak of disease among cattle on Kauai is anthrax was learned today when Dr. Victor A. Norgaard, territorial veterinarian, returned on the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Loa from the Garden Island.

Although he could not be located by the Star-Bulletin down to 1:30 this afternoon, Dr. Norgaard was said to have told various territorial officials with whom he conferred this morning that the disease is anthrax and not hemorrhagic septicemia, which he at first had believed it to be.

J. M. Dowsett of the board of agriculture and forestry said this afternoon the whole district has been quarantined and that Dr. Norgaard tells President A. H. Rice of the board that he expects to get vaccine ready to send to Kauai by next Tuesday's boat.

C. C. von Hamm will be the principal speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon tomorrow noon. He will tell of the old and new days of auto sales in Hawaii. The luncheon will be at the Alexander Young Hotel this week.

BOSTON NAVY YARD DOUBTFUL THOUGH REPORTS INSIST GUNS HEARD OFF NEW ENGLAND BAY

Torpedoing of Spanish Vessel Expected to Inflamm People Against Teutons

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—Late today it was officially announced that no credence is placed in the report of a gunfire engagement at sea.

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—Reports of heavy gun-firing heard off the entrance to Massachusetts Bay sent a thrill of emotion and expectancy along the entire coast early this morning.

Three coast guards at stations on Cape Cod reported that they had counted distinct and repeated detonations identified as cannonading. It is believed at the navy yard that American vessels have engaged the enemy. A heavy fog lies over the sea.

MADRID, Spain, April 18.—The Spanish steamship Tom was torpedoed today unwarmed. Eighteen lives were lost, according to late reports. This incident is expected still further to inflame Spain against Germany.

PARIS, France, April 18.—The French battered their way forward against a yielding enemy today. Nivelle's forces made good progress east of Soissons, capturing Chavonne and Chivy, and reaching the vicinity of Braye En Laonnais.

The Germans made three desperate counter-attacks in Champagne. The French, directing their big 75's and machine-guns, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in these attempted advances.

Since Monday 14,000 unwounded Germans, a large number of machine-guns, a big trench mortar and 12 cannon have been captured by the French in the Champagne district.

LONDON, England, April 18.—The British forces today progressed north of St. Quentin, capturing Villers and Guislain.

BERLIN, Germany, April 18.—Three thousand prisoners were taken yesterday by the Germans on the French front.

The Germans have driven the French from positions in Macedonia.

LONDON, April 18.—In the neighborhood of Morovillers the entire first line of the Teuton position over a width of more than nine miles was driven in yesterday and consolidated by the attacking French troops, and east and southeast of Auberville, where a Teuton bastion had thrust itself into the French lines for two and a half years, the poilus rushed the positions of their foes along a front eight miles wide and despite the fact that the salient had been powerfully fortified by the Germans, thrust the foe out, capturing thousands of prisoners in the salient that was more than two miles across at the base.

All told the total of the German prisoners taken by the French offensive during the last two days, Monday and Tuesday, number more than thirteen thousand.

Farther to the west, in the country between the Oise river and the French salient that apex at Conde sur Aisne, or a distance of approximately thirty-five miles, the French artillery has been pouring in the fiercest of artillery fires, so hot that the German general staff announces that it is "unparalleled in intensity."

Berlin Paper Says People of Germany Are Longing For Peace

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 18.—News today from Berlin says that the radical newspaper Vorwaerts, which several times has been suppressed by the government for too daring statements, declares that the German people want peace. The Vorwaerts is quoted as saying that the strike in Berlin is based not only on the lack of food and demand for internal reform but on a deep longing of the people for peace.

The general strike which is fast spreading over Prussia and Germany has now begun to affect the munition factories of the Empire, according to information reaching this city last night. According to this report, some of the largest of the ammunition plants have already been affected by the walkout, and others are threatened.

The strike is exceedingly widespread and is being fanned by agitators who are reported to be spreading peace pamphlets among the striking workers, urging that the strike be used to force the government to make peace immediately. So far there have been no disorders reported.

"DIVINE SARAH" NEAR DEATH'S DOOR; MAY NOT SEE HER LOVED FRANCE

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 18.—Sarah Bernhardt, famous French actress whose indomitable spirit overcame the loss of a foot, in spite of her age, was today operated on for an affection of the kidneys in the hope of saving her life. There is only a fighting chance for her. She had hoped to return to France.

MOLOKAI JUNKET FOR HOUSE MEMBERS NOW SEEMS ASSURED

The house junket to Molokai is now a certainty, it was announced today, and 17 members already have signed up to take the trip.

It is planned to leave Honolulu a week from next Saturday, probably on the steamer Mauna Loa. Arrangements for chartering the steamer were to be made this afternoon by the select committee headed by Representative Andrews.

AGENTS PAY RATES FOR WHARFAGE UP TO DAY WAR DECLARED

A check for \$450.00, wharfage charges on the Tonnage and Sotom up to April 2, the day before the German steamers were seized by the United States, was presented to the harbor board this afternoon by H. Hackfield & Company, Ltd., the local agency. "By making this payment we do not waive any of our rights in the premises," the letter, signed by Manager F. W. Klebahn of the shipping department, concludes. "No opinion has yet been rendered to the board by the attorney general saying whether the board can continue to collect wharfage charges."

In the case of J. G. Henriques versus Z. P. Kalokupamalle, Jose Medeiros and I. Kato, in exceptions from the circuit court, third circuit, the supreme court today rendered a decision that the verdict for the defendants was right and that if any errors occurred in the instructions given to the circuit court jury they were harmless.